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THE BURNING EARTH
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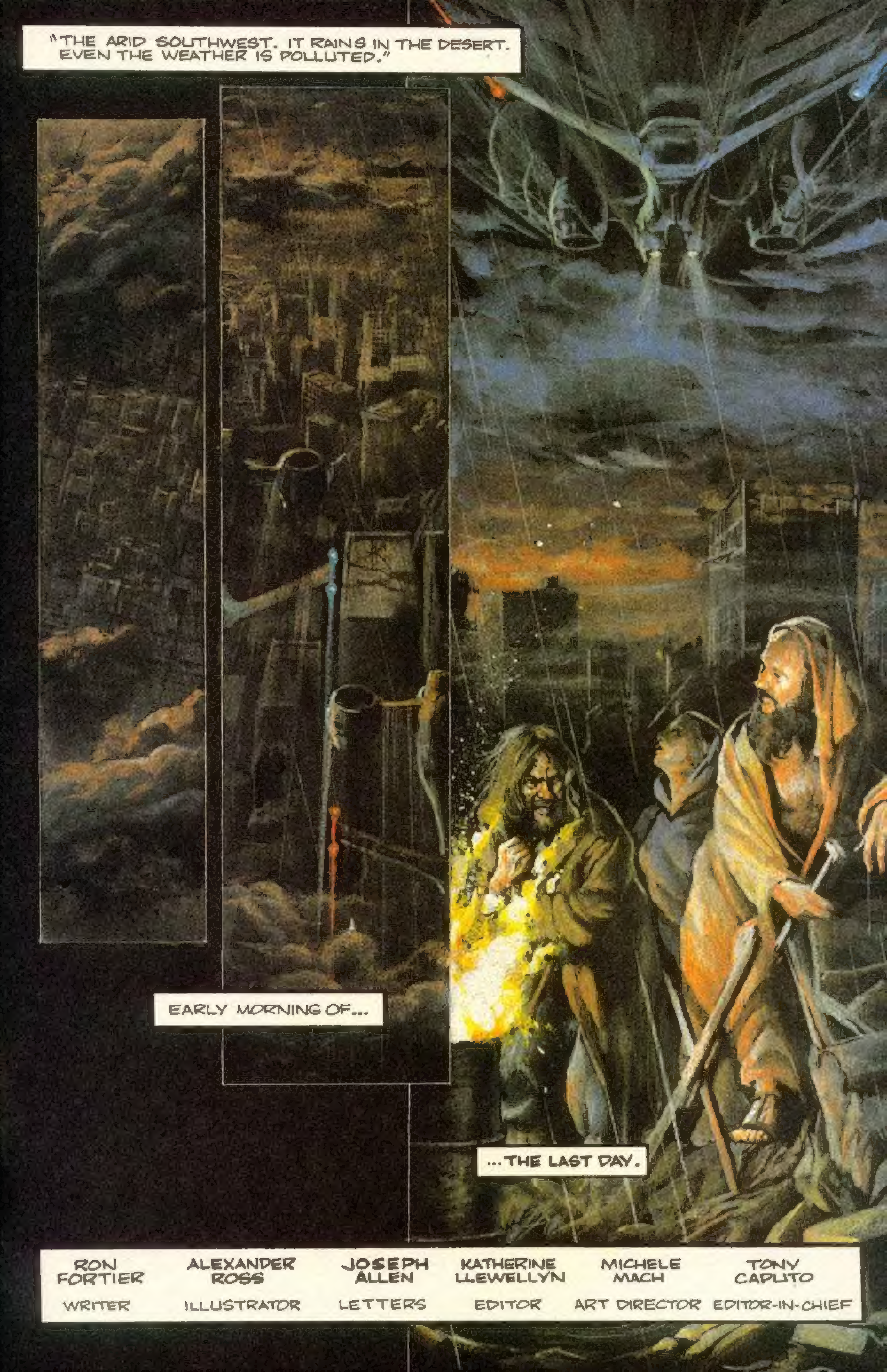
"THE ARID SOUTHWEST. IT RAINS IN THE DESERT. EVEN THE WEATHER IS POLLUTED."
EARLY MORNING OF...
...THE LAST DAY.
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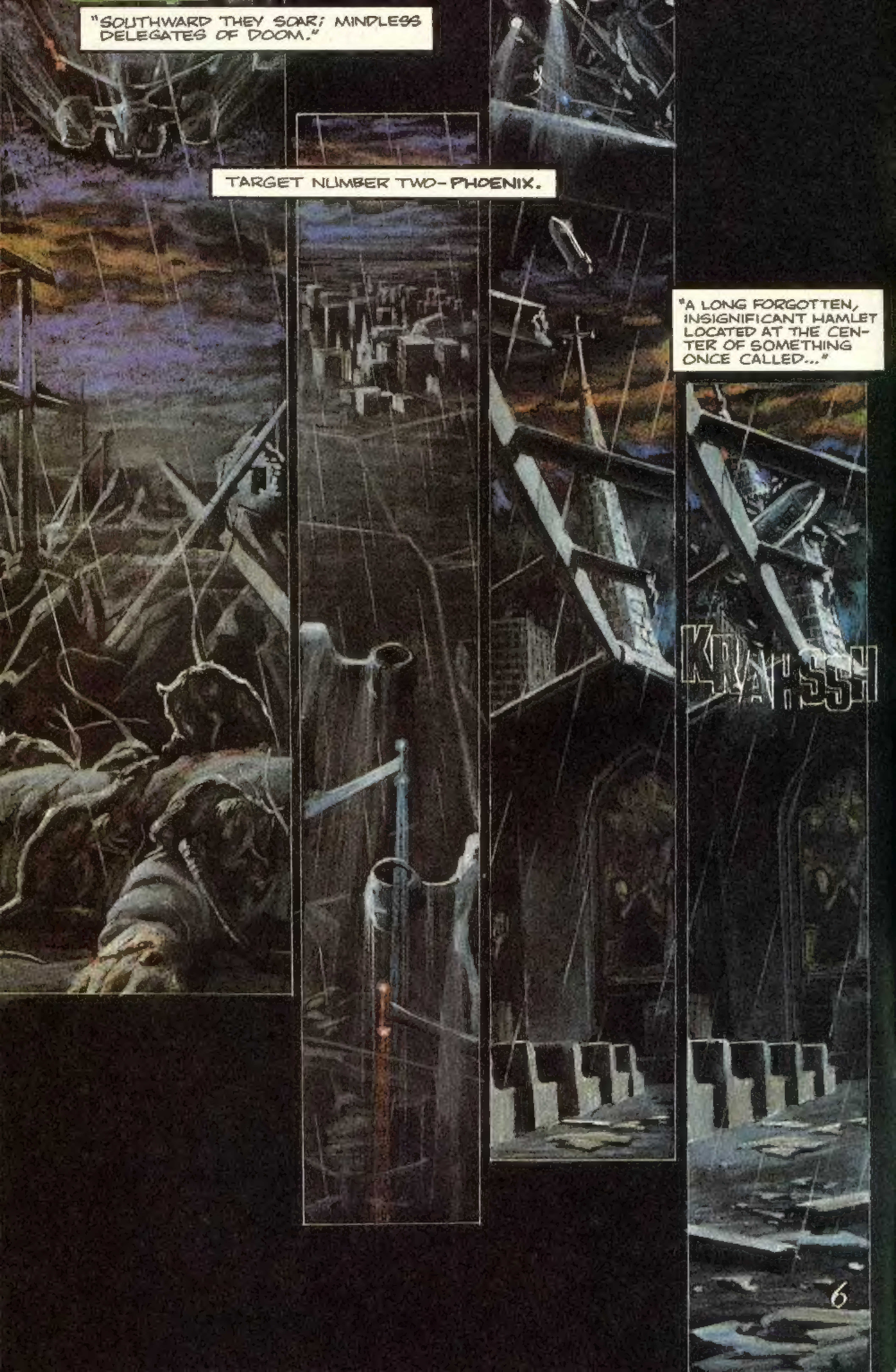
"CIVILIZATION HAS FAILED."
KRAHKSSHH
"ALL THAT REMAINS IS A CLIMACTIC ENDING."
"HERE IN THE MUD AND DEBRIS; THE SLIME AND FILTH."
"PURE SILENCE."

"GROUND ZERO!"

PHASE ONE...

ACTIVATED.
UNITS 789 - 790 PROCEED TO...
...NEXT DESIGNATED DROP ZONE.


"SOUTHWARD THEY SOAR; MINDLESS DELEGATES OF DOOM."
TARGET NUMBER TWO- PHOENIX.
"A LONG FORGOTTEN, INSIGNIFICANT HAMLET LOCATED AT THE CENTER OF SOMETHING ONCE CALLED..."
KRAHSSH

"THE WIND IS SATURATED IN SECONDS WITH INTENSE HEAT."
"TWELVE MILES UNDER GROUND ZERO, THE EARTH MOVES. TECTONIC FORCES ERUPT BENEATH THE CRUST."
"SEISMIC WAVES RIPPLE OVER HUNDREDS OF MILES IN EITHER DIRECTION."

"THE EARTH SCREAMS IN AGONY THE COLOR OF ROSES."
"FAR AWAY, THE SOUND IS HEARD."
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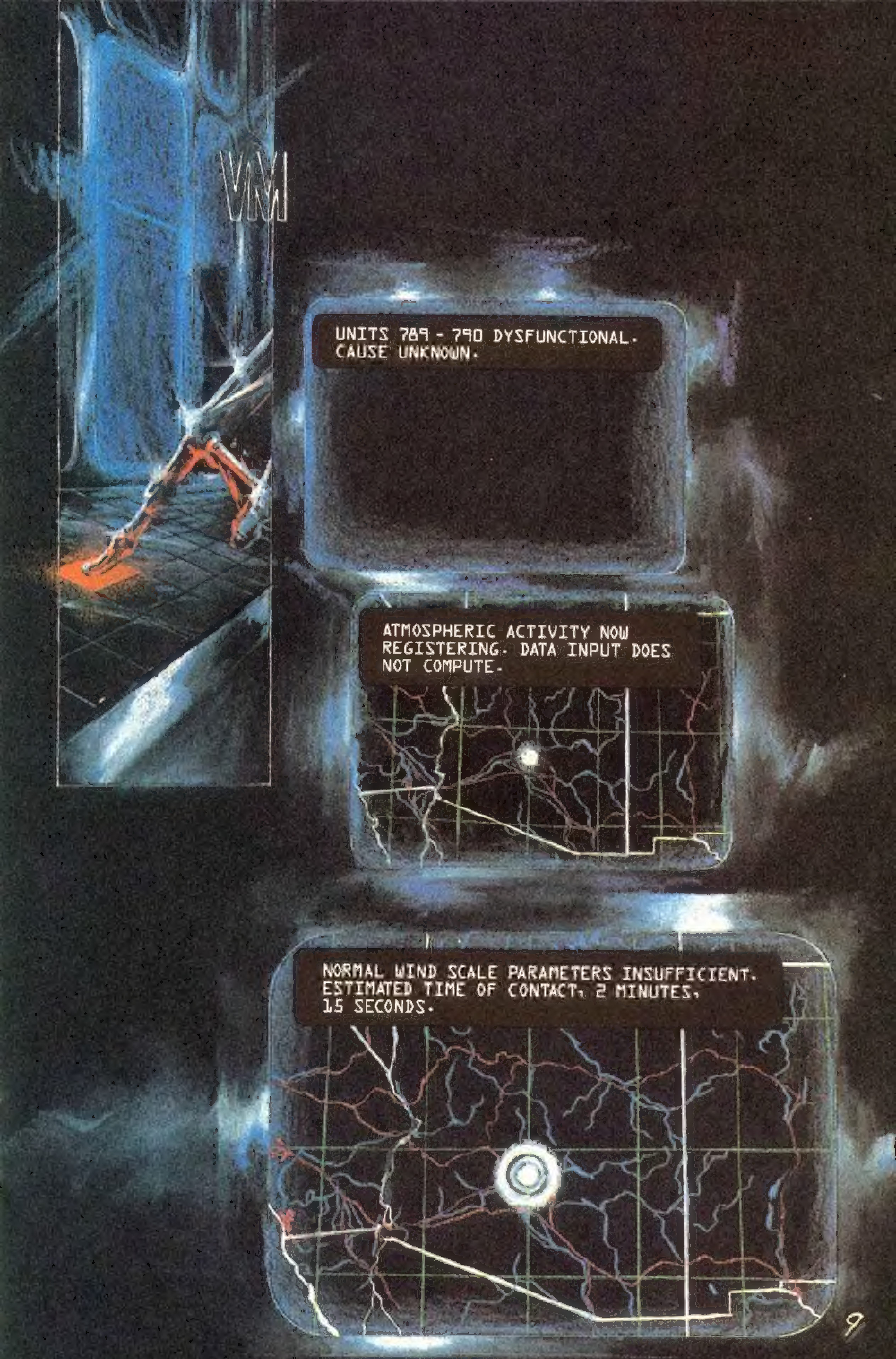
SKYNET CENTRAL PROCESSING BANKS.


UNITS 789 - 790 DYSFUNCTIONAL.
CAUSE UNKNOWN.
ATMOSPHERIC ACTIVITY NOW REGISTERING. DATA INPUT DOES NOT COMPUTE.
NORMAL WIND SCALE PARAMETERS INSUFFICIENT. ESTIMATED TIME OF CONTACT, 2 MINUTES, 15 SECONDS.

THUNDER MOUNTAIN, NEVADA.
"WE HEARD THE BOMBS SOME-WHERE BEYOND THE HORIZON."
THIS IS NOT GOOD, AMIGO.
I THINK THIS IS WHERE WE WILL DIE.
IF THOSE ARE THE NUKES, ONLY A BLOODY MIRACLE COULD SAVE US NOW.
SORRY, AMIGO. ALL I HAVE LEFT ARE SOME OLD PRAYERS MI MADRE TAUGHT ME. NOW'S THE TIME TO USE THEM.
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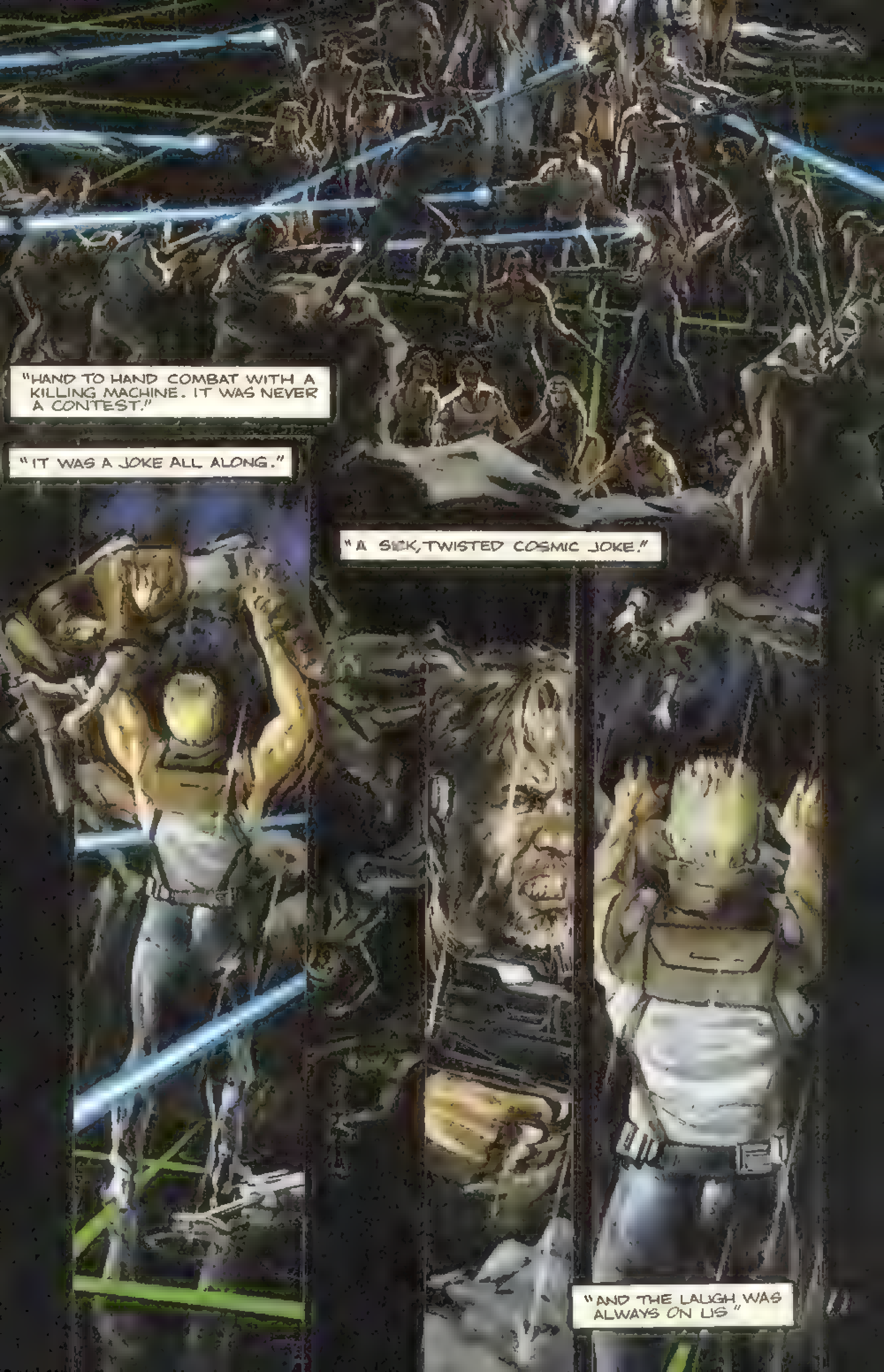
"HAND TO HAND COMBAT WITH A KILLING MACHINE. IT WAS NEVER A CONTEST."
"IT WAS A JOKE ALL ALONG."
"A SICK, TWISTED COSMIC JOKE."
"AND THE LAUGH WAS ALWAYS ON US."

"THEN I SAW THE WIND."
AAAGHHH!
"IT WAS ON FIRE!"
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING... AAIIEE!
IT'S THE NUKES!
"THE GATES OF HELL HAD BEEN OPENED."

"THE EARTH WAS BURNING!"

WE HAVE TO GET INSIDE!
THEN WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?
KRUNCH
EMERGENCY CLASS A: SEAL ALL FACILITY EXITS AND SWITCH TO DISASTER MODE

EVERYONE GET INSIDE!
JOHN, THE DOORS ARE CLOSING!
"ANOTHER STUPID RACE."
SOMEBODY HELP ME! AAAGHH!
NELSON!

"THERE IS NO WAY BACK NOW. BUT, THEN AGAIN, NONE OF US REALLY EXPECTED TO LEAVE HERE ALIVE."
WE MADE IT. NOW SOMEBODY TELL ME THAT IS A GOOD THING.
"WE SIMPLY PRESS ON."
ALL DELTA LEVELS
KEEP MOVING. ALL OF YOU. WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE CPU SECTION BEFORE THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE.
DAMN. I HOPE GAGNON AND HIS GANG MADE IT THROUGH THAT.

MUD SLIDE!
RUN, MARISSA!
I CAN'T!
EEEEEEEE!
MARISSA!

LEAVE HER!
NO!
GET UP!
OH GOD, LEAVE ME!

KRRHKSSSTT
LEAD THE WAY, KID!
YAHOOO!
PHUM

OOOF!
THUFF
OH NO! HELP!!
HOLD ON, GERRY!
I CAN'T!

TIM!
WE GOT YOU, GERRY!
THAT WAS TOO CLOSE! TOO CLOSE!
BUT LAFE!... AND MARISSA!
IT'S UP TO US, NOW. WE'VE GOT TO FIND THAT GENERATOR, AND FAST!
SKYNET'S STARTED DROPPING THE NUKES. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.

PRIMARY SHOCK EFFECT COMPLETED.
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AS FOLLOWS. DOWN 30% FUNCTIONAL. DATA LEVELS 202 - 598 LOST. REROUTING EMERGENCY PROCESSING CHANNELS.
SECURITY BREACH IN MAIN CENTRAL HALL.
TERMINATE ON CONTACT.